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Title: A Method for Aging Wine  
Art Unit 1761  
Examiner: Curtis E. Sherrer

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENTS OF 37 CFR 1.121@

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria,  
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Sir:

This is in response to an OFFICE COMMUNICATION dated  
3/15/2005 concerning claim 1 wherein added language, "and",  
as not been identified properly. Following is a newly revised  
claims in corrected format.  
The currently amended claim 1 now obviates the rejection based  
on the only cited reference (patent 4,403,060). Since no other

ferences have been found, there is no need for further search.

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een diligently filed responses within 1-2 weeks after receiving

ach office action. The delay was caused by the Patent Office

laff. The invention of the present application has been illustrated

n the previously submitted remarks as being unexpected results.

Therefore the claims are deemed patentable. A speedy reply to

ie allowance of the claims is requested.